

## Cite Two Food Stores On Price Violations

### Rationing Board Checks Store in Narberth and Ardmore; Threaten Drastic Action Against One Place

Two food stores, two tailoring establishments and two dealers in work clothing and gloves are violating price ceilings, the Ardmore War Price and Rationing Board announced this week.

Violations were discovered in a routine check of stores in the Ardmore, Narberth, Wynnewood and Penn Wynne business sections.

As the merchants found overcharging their customers are first offenders, the Rationing Board, which covers all Ardmore districts and the Borough of Narberth, are not divulging their names.

Only in one case does the Rationing Board consider drastic action may be necessary. This is an Ardmore store that deals in work clothing and gloves. To date the merchant has been unable to produce invoices showing how much he paid for certain merchandise.

During November volunteers of the price panel of the Rationing Board, under the supervision of Benjamin V. Ogden, chairman, visited 60 food stores in the business areas. They found three-quarters of these stores in compliance with the items checked. Of those not complying, two were charging over-ceiling prices and the others had failed to post prices as required by the regulations.

Also, during November a survey was made of the prices charged for dry cleaning, laundry work, apparel alterations, automobile and electric appliance repairs. In this group, approximately 1.3 of the dealers were charging over-ceiling prices, and the price panel are consulting with the violators, insisting that prices be reduced to the legal amount.

A check was also made of stores selling work clothing and work gloves, of which there are only four in the area covered. Two of these were found to be violating the regulations, one of whom has since made the necessary corrections, and the other against whom the drastic action may be taken.

Providing any of the merchants refuse to comply with suggestions of the price panel they will be subject to what is known as the administrator's travel damage.

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## Neither Does a Former Councilman Think Narberth Should Miss the Boat

To the Editor of Our Town:

Your editorial headed "Narberth Must Not Miss the Boat" was timely and well written. The points which you made must be given consideration by the local business community in the light of the proposed new development in the Shortridge tract.

It was entirely right and proper for you to indicate that the help of the Borough Council would be required, but it was not quite fair to imply that the Councilmen might "evade the issue with the excuse that local government is powerless to enter into such things."

May I, as a former councilman, point out that along about 1930, before the development of the Suburban Square shopping area in Ardmore, and before any other modern shopping area had been developed in this vicinity, the Borough prepared and passed through two readings an ordinance, which would have set back the building lines on all of the streets in the Narberth Station business district, including Essex, Forrest, and Narberth Aves., from Haverford Ave. to Windsor.

Before passing that ordinance on final reading, a public hearing was held in Elm Hall, with proper advance publicity so all citizens would know about it. That hearing was attended by owners of the real estate involved, who were principally represented by the late Robert Nash. Mr. Nash put forward at that time the interesting but unprogressive theory that narrow streets were better for business areas than wide ones. He cited Chestnut Street in Philadelphia as a proof of his contention. No citizens appeared to speak in favor of the ordinance. That was the end of it, and the ordinance was never passed.

Such an ordinance would be necessary now, in order to initiate improvements in the Narberth business district, but greater difficulties would arise this time because, since that earlier ordinance was killed, several new business structures, including possibly the theatre, have been erected in the spaces which would be required for widening the streets.

Robert Fellows Wood.

December 12, 1944.

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Resident of Narberth.

To a Former Councilman:

Your letter was heartening.

To be honest, it was the only intelligent reply we received to our editorial—"Narberth Must Not Miss the Boat."

We heard rumblings and mummings along the street but they were weak whispers that, "something should be done about it."

Such an attitude, such an indifference will never get Narberth or our business men any place. Someone has to carry the ball before the game is over. Let the merchants and the Borough leaders sit around ten more years bemoaning their fate and criticizing each other and there will be another Suburban Square in the Shortridge tract. Then they can whistle for the potential business that is now casting its shadow on their doorstep.

Congratulations on your action as a former councilman in proposing an ordinance in 1930 to widen the Narberth business streets. But why didn't the 1930 Council sit out the unseeing arguments of the real estate interests and bring to bear the strong far-sighted, planning logic that was behind your proposal. Or, if you were unable to do this, why didn't Council take the bit in its teeth and pass the ordinance. The town gossip and the little fellows who think cowpaths are synonymous with progress, might have lambasted your stand but today you would be receiving the blessings of the civic-minded.

There are times when councilmanic bodies have to do more than propose. They have to take the leadership and such leadership is sometimes ahead of public opinion.

That the law doesn't permit municipalities to do this or that is too often a highway for representatives of the people who are too lazy or uninformed to act, or they may be serving some other interests than the people's interest.

It is not enough just to lay out an elaborate plan for the postwar period, plank it in the lap of the public and say, "take it or leave it." There are all kinds of progressive moves municipal governing officers can make if they are courageously interested in solving the obstructive problems of their community. For example, they can condemn land when it is necessary and they can set up public parking places where the business section is choked with motor traffic.

The Editor of Our Town.

## Casualty List

**WOUNDED**  
Pfc. Kenneth F. Schrepfer, son of Mrs. Freda Schrepfer, son of the late Frank Schrepfer, former Burgess of Narberth, of 315 Grayling Ave., Narberth, has been reported wounded in action in France on November 19. Mrs. Schrepfer received word from the War Department December 2.

A member of the infantry, attached to General Patton's Third Army, Pfc. Schrepfer entered active service in July 1943 and was overseas since October 1944. He is a graduate of Lower Merion High School, and had completed two years of pre-medical school at the University of Pennsylvania before entering the service.

Schrepfer was wounded near Vercy, France, where in 1918, his father also received wounds.

Stanton Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Henry of Washington, D. C., formerly of Avon Rd., Narberth, has been reported seriously wounded in Germany. He is a former Lower Merion student.

## Open Seals Booth In Narberth P. O.

### Staffed by Volunteers From Woman's Community Club

With the permission of postmaster Joseph F. Kelly, of Narberth, a booth has been set up in the lobby of the Borough Post Office to continue through December 20. It will be staffed by volunteers under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. Arley Farmer, public welfare chairman of the Women's Community Club of Narberth. The following club members are cooperating: Mrs. Wesley Ayars, Mrs. L. D. Ford, Mrs. Henry Frye, Mrs. Robert Gold, Mrs. Henry Heston, Mrs. C. W. Heymann, Mrs. Joseph Hongler, Mrs. Henry H. Hopkins, Mrs. Joseph H. Miller, Mrs. C. C. Miller, Mrs. Walter Seely, Mrs. James Toland, Jr., and Mrs. Carl Wells.

In Ardmore, the booth is set up in the Pennsylvania Company under the chairmanship of Mrs. G. W. Farrar, a member of the Women's Club of Ardmore. It will continue through December 20. Those serving are: Miss Barbara Bennett, Mrs. Walter Black, Mrs. H. L. Beger, Mrs. Russell Bush, Miss Betty Calder, Mrs. Clarence Christenson, Mrs. T. A. Eppinger, Mrs. J. D. Goward, Mrs. E. A. Green, Mrs. James Hagan, Miss Mary Heckler, Mrs. Raymond Hickox, Mrs. Edward Jennings, Mrs. R. W. Jones, Mrs. J. F. McKee, Mrs. C. J. Murray, Mrs. Ausin Patrick, Mrs. Philip M. Poorman, Mrs. Frank C. Rorer, Mrs. Richard Schwoebel, Mrs. G. C. Schultz, Mrs. George Trautwein, Mrs. Arthur P. Wood and Mrs. Fred W. Zacher.

With the permission of postmaster Percy M. Lukens, of Bryn Mawr, arrangements were made for the opening of a third booth in the lobby of the Bryn Mawr Post Office to continue through December 20. Mrs. Edward M. Hales, chairman, planned for the services of the following volunteers: Mrs. J. Marshall Crossman, Mrs. Durham Hancock, Mrs. L. D. Joraleman and Mrs. Roscoe Koch and the following Shipley School Students: Misses Dorothy

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The Red Cross work room in the Fire house will be closed from December 15th until January 2nd.

Since Christmas tree books seem to be scarce, why not try using paper clips or bent hair pins to hang up the Christmas tree balls. Christmas is only a week away. Get your cards, your candy and toys while the shops in the Village still have a fair supply. (Don't forget your sprig of mistletoe.)

The G. W. H. I. S. girls will meet at the home of Mrs. Arley Farmer, Woodbine and Cleveland Aves., Narberth on Monday night, December 18. The admission is a wrapped gift for the grab bag, which will be the event of the evening. The girls will sing Christmas songs.

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## Trucks Saved From \$3000 Garage Fire

### Roof Destroyed in West Manayunk

Two trucks and contracting equipment worth several thousand dollars were saved Sunday when fire swept a one-story stone and frame garage owned by Lewis J. Smith, Rockhill Rd., West Manayunk.

The fire, which started in a truckload of trash, destroyed the roof and most of the roof of the building. Smith estimated the damage at about \$3000.

Firemen from the Union Company of Bala-Cynwyd and the West Manayunk Fire company, along with the fire department, had the fire under control at Rockhill and State Rds., Cynwyd. They prevented the flames from spreading to six barrels of tar stored at one end of the building.

A fire truck, used to collect garbage at Valley Forge General Hospital, where Smith has the garbage contract, was on the road.

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## \$2,000,000 Autocar Purchase Pushes Main Line Bond Quota Over The Top

A \$2,000,000 War Bond purchase by the Autocar Company, Ardmore, was announced this week by the Lower Merion-Narberth 6th War Loan Drive Committee.

The Autocar purchase, consisting of 10 per cent Treasury Certificates, boosted total sales in the Lower Merion-Narberth area to \$4,202,175, or 113 per cent of its quota of \$3,696,000.

Volunteer solicitors of the various districts are plugging away, however, endeavoring to complete the canvassing of the homes in each district and meet their original quotas, irrespective of the Autocar subscription.

Letters to the district chairman this week, Thomas Barnes, 2d, general chairman of the drive in Lower Merion and Narberth, said:

"Although our total sales exceed the quota because of the \$2,000,000 purchase by the Autocar Com-

## READY FOR THE WHISTLE



At an Overseas depot of the AAF Service Command in Italy—just before the whistle blew signaling the beginning of the Thanksgiving Day Bambino Bowl football game, officials set together for a last minute session. From left to right they are James Haggard of the American Red Cross, Ashland, Ky., and Major Harry C. Tilly, 111. 32 Overhill Rd., Bala-Cynwyd.

## Lines Up Council On Congress Bills

### Tells Them to Oppose Freezing Bill; Raps PAC of CIO

The proposed legislation in Congress relating to the freezing of government-owned industries in the eleven Northeastern States was discussed by Mrs. Frank Willis of Ardmore at a meeting of the legislative discussion group of the Lower Merion-Narberth Council of Republican Women Monday at the Ashbridge Homestead, Rosemont.

Mrs. Willis, chairman of the department of political science, Philadelphia Federation of Women's Clubs and allied organizations, and a member of the local council, warned "of the disastrous effect this legislation would have on the industries of Pennsylvania," and urged members "to do something about stopping it now before it becomes a bill."

"Write your Senators now," she said, emphasizing the importance of immediate action.

The speaker outlined bills on insurance, social security, education, health, G. I. Bill of Rights and the St. Lawrence waterway, and recommended that they be studied in detail.

Mrs. Theodore Phillips, chairman, announced that meetings of the legislative group would be held regularly and extended an invitation to all Republican women interested in the discussion of legislation to attend.

She concluded the meeting by reading a review of "The First Round," by Joseph Gaer and suggested that "anyone puzzled about the C. I. O. Political Action Committee can satisfy much of his curiosity by reading this fat volume."

## Mrs. Helen Stelwagon Dies in Narberth

Mrs. Helen Wood Stelwagon, widow of John Weightman Stelwagon, 202 Woodside Ave., died of a heart attack on Sunday, December 10. Mrs. Stelwagon was a member of the Memorial Church of St. Paul, Overbrook, and lived in Narberth 19 years.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, wife of the late Frederick Stelwagon, Valley View Rd., Merion, and three grandchildren: Marjorie, John Weightman and Frederick Stelwagon, Jr.

## To Meet Dec. 20

The Penn Valley Garden Club will meet December 20, at 10:30 A. M., in All Saints Church, Wynnewood, to make Christmas decorations for the Valley Forge Hospital.

## Sixth War Loan Drive

Lower Merion-Narberth Summary through December 10

| District           | Quota       | Sales       |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| South Ardmore      | \$78,400    | \$60,950    |
| Bala-Cynwyd        | 445,900     | 227,875     |
| Bryn Mawr          | 612,200     | 508,950     |
| Gwynedd            | 468,200     | 508,950     |
| Haverford          | 165,600     | 48,925      |
| Merion             | 583,100     | 249,775     |
| Narberth           | 216,600     | 99,050      |
| Penn Valley        | 99,100      | 60,325      |
| Overbrook Hills    | 236,000     | 121,050     |
| Rosemont           | 44,500      | 34,050      |
| Villanova          | 30,200      | 47,050      |
| Wynnewood          | 167,100     | 71,350      |
| West Manayunk      | 8,000       | 4,200       |
| Ardmore Bur. Dist. | 520,000     | 2,542,150   |
| Totals             | \$3,696,000 | \$4,202,175 |

We should not consider our job as finished until all of the homes in the area have been canvassed. You are urged to complete your canvassing during this final week of the drive.

## Hits Playfield Operation Fails To Come Up To Former Standards States Councilman

### Services Held For William Wilson

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M., December 12, in the Stuard Funeral Home, 104 Cricket Ave., Ardmore, for William C. Wilson, who died Thursday, December 10, at his home, 850 Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr. Interment was in the Lower Merion Baptist Cemetery, Bryn Mawr.

President of the Wilson Laundry Company, with which he was associated for 25 years, Mr. Wilson was also a member of the Main Line Kiwanis Club and a director of the Bryn Mawr National Bank. He was a Mason.

## Empower Sheriff To Collect Fines

### Delinquencies Total Approximately \$120,000

Sheriff Samuel M. Glass has been empowered to collect approximately \$120,000 in delinquent fines and costs imposed by Montgomery County court.

The delinquent fines and costs have been accumulating for a number of years but nothing was done about it until recently Main and Company, Philadelphia accountants, were employed on a contract for \$11,000 to install certain new bookkeeping systems.

Assemblyman Henry C. Probert, Belhays, elected as State representative in November, is employed by the accounting firm.

Because the work is still underway Probert has not revealed the exact amount involved.

The County's order permits the sheriff to collect fines and costs both delinquent and current; to distribute them to the proper parties "less any charges legally deducted by the sheriff for the services of himself or his deputies."

Because the Sheriff's business is light when times are good and real estate is at a premium the new service is expected to bolster the income of his office.

The three judges of Montgomery County signed the order.

## County D.A. Raps Juvenile Act

### Narberth Solicitor Presides at Borough Meeting

District Attorney Frederick B. Smilie, relentless foe of the juvenile court act, gave the Montgomery County Borough Association five reasons why it should be changed at a meeting in Norristown last Thursday night.

Henry A. Frye, president of the association and solicitor for the Borough of Narberth, presided.

Smilie attacked the Act on five points:

1. That it set the age limit at 18 years.
2. That it groups neglected, delinquent and incorrigible children in the same classification.
3. That it does away with magistrates.
4. That it places too much power in the hands of psychiatrists.
5. That it provides only for an indeterminate sentence, depriving the juvenile of rights and privileges accorded adults in a court of law.

Smilie said that juvenile delinquency was not increasing but it appeared to be increasing because people were becoming more conscious of the problem involved.

Borough representatives discussed a recent order of the State of Maryland, which gave the courts of Montgomery County treatment for sewage before it emptied into the Schuylkill River.

The representatives said they would like to cooperate but it would cost a lot of money.

## Christmas 1944

### Somewhere in France

"Perhaps it is best, no matter how incompatible with the traditional it may appear, that the Christmas spirit this year be militant rather than peaceful."

Not that we believe less in "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men," not that the calm created within us by the strains of "Silent Night, Holy Night" will be one bit diminished, but because the hopes and fears of future Christianity is in the hands of the men engaged in this struggle for a free world.

In the foxholes on the battle line, in the planes in the sky, in the ships on the seven seas, wherever dispersed, the spirit of Christmas is in the hearts and minds of our fighting men.

Men believing in, hoping for, praying for, fighting for, it needs giving their lives for peaceful joyous Christmases, around home firesides, on all holy anniversaries in future years. Yes, it is a militant Christmas spirit with "Ourselves Christian Soldiers" as its watchword.

Let us rejoice that it is not a decadent Christianity. Let us at this Christmas season, as we in spirit are drawn close to our families and loved ones, thank our God for giving us strength and courage to take our place—be it on the home front or the battle front—in this the greatest crusade of the centuries.

Only one Christmas wish is appropriate. May God protect you and yours and give you courage to play your part as a Christian soldier.

The Season's Greetings to you.

WHARTON B. CARROLL,  
Gypsy Lane, Wynnewood.

## Red Cross Wants 14,000 More Nurses

Mrs. Edwin C. Donaghy, Bryn Mawr, vice-chairman Main Line Red Cross, reports an appeal from the Army and Navy for at least 14,000 more nurses to staff several one thousand bed hospitals at the front. Mrs. Edmund Whitely, Narberth, chairman of home nursing, urges more Main Line women take advantage of the Red Cross' Home Nursing courses, thereby releasing trained nurses for this really vital and military duty.

Also Red Cross nurses' aides are now to be used in service hospitals under military regulations.

## Fine Sergeant For Shooting Rabbit

### Trio Were Hunting Too Near Home

Charged with shooting a rabbit too near a house, Lower Merion Police Sergeant Joseph Mawhinney paid a fine and costs to Magistrate Walter Jarman of Schuylkill last week.

The fine was \$25 and costs \$2.50.

On the hunting trip Sergeant Mawhinney was accompanied by two other men. Neither Magistrate Jarman or Game Warden Ambrose Gearhart of Souderton knew the names of Mawhinney's companions.

"We don't know who did the shooting because they were three in the party," said Magistrate Jarman. He said that Mawhinney might have taken the "trap" for the other two fellows.

The complaint was made by a woman who lived in the house. Neither Magistrate Jarman nor Game Warden Gearhart could remember the name of the woman.

Mawhinney was notified and sent in the fine. He did not appear for a hearing.

Game Warden Gearhart said the law prohibiting anyone from discharging firearms within 150 yards of occupied buildings while hunting or trapping.

## Blood Donors To Sign Plasma Labels

### Chairman Suggests It Will Make Fine Xmas Present

In response to requests from blood donors, throughout the country, a new Red Cross blood plasma label has been designed which enables a donor to sign his name on the label that goes on the package to the troops overseas. Thus, to dedicate his blood in honor of a friend or loved one in the armed forces.

This announcement was made this week by Mrs. Arthur P. Baugh, Jr., chairman of the Blood Donor Service of the Main Line Red Cross. The new plan became effective on January 10.

More than 100 were present for the latest turnout of the year when the Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday noon at the Haverford Court Hotel.

William J. Lloyd, president of the organization, accompanied Miss Margaret Fox, soprano soloist. Bill Higgins and his guitar was another entertainment feature.

Harry Brown, national merchandising manager for the Philadelphia Corporation, gave some postwar forecasts. He gave a detailed description of some of the sensational developments that are expected after the war.

The following new members were elected:

Haverford College, Haverford; W. K. Wetherill Co., financing, Ardmore; B. Z. Sturbridge, hardware, Ardmore; and Samuel P. Carelli, shoe repair, Ardmore.

## Recover Two Cars Stolen in Narberth

Franklin C. Hutchinson, chairman of the public safety committee of the Narberth Borough Council, reported seven stop sign violations, and seven minor parking violations during November.

At a meeting of Council Monday, Charles Nespi, 245 Hampden Ave., Narberth, reported that his Buick had been stolen in Philadelphia, and recovered in Narberth.

Two other cars, reported stolen in Philadelphia, were recovered in Narberth.

## L. M.'s Per Capita Tax Revenue High in State Report on Township Receipts

Lower Merion Township, whose political leaders and public officials have boasted one of the lowest tax rates in Pennsylvania, receives the third highest per capita tax revenue from its people of any first class township in the Commonwealth.

What it loses from a low tax rate it makes up by having high property values and assessments so it amounts to the same thing as far as the taxpayer's pocketbook is concerned.

The report on per capita revenues for first class townships of 1942 was prepared by Dr. H. F. Alderfer, director of the State Bureau of Municipal Affairs. It covers 60 townships.

Lower Merion's per capita tax revenue is \$19.71. Neville Township is first with a per capita tax revenue of \$44.03 and Mifflin second with \$22.34. On the list 22 townships had more than \$10 per capita; 22 townships had under \$5 per capita.

Haverford Township had a per capita tax revenue of \$15.15. In the report the population of Lower Merion is listed as 39,566 and Haverford at 27,594.

Two other sources of per capita revenue for operating the township governments are listed in the report. These are the per capita receipts from licenses and permits which include beverage license fees returned by the State and fees from building, street, plumbing and health licenses; at \$0. per capita departmental earnings which include sewer rents

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